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STAMP EXCHANGING.

(By F. le Clerc. Gem 412).

The fascination of stamp collecting is now so worldwide that the exchanger is kept to it to meet the demands of many collectors. One, however, so often sends a fair lot of stamps in reply to advertisements in stamp journals and gets no reply. This conduct takes the heart out of many collectors and, unless the complaints are sent to all stamp-clubs, the evil will remain.

Certainly a member may allow a letter to slip his memory at times, but when he is again and again reminded and he keeps silent, there is only one construction to be placed on his action. I myself had a letter from a lady, asking for exchange of postcards (which I donot collect) and I intended sending her some but for the first time in my knowledge, I have mislaid her letter. Still, if I hear from her, I will certainly reply.

A good rule is for every member to answer any letter sent him, even if he is not willing to exchange. One often wants stamps from some particular colony and writes first — no answer and no returned stamps. All this tends to bad feeling which should not exist. A little kindly feeling should prompt us to, at least, reply.

One has some curious experiences collecting. A member, like myself, who contributes to several societies, finds his name is known to a man who does not belong to any club and gets the address, no one knows how. One such wrote a few months ago, asking me to send him a Bicycle Pump, two fountain pens, two penknives, etc., and he would pay me later by exchange. Needless to say, I did not send the above, but a letter explaining the absurdity of his request was posted in due course, and the episode ends. Perhaps he was "pulling my leg"?

My only excuse for this article lies in the fact that I am inspired with the hope that it may create better feeling in exchangers. Let us all give as good as we get. No one sends "Sydney News" with first sendings. Let us build up a serious exchange by good will and fair dealing. My own album of stamps is sound testimony of the value of exchange. If we continue to collect on fair business lines and deal fair in our hobby, the study of stamps will increase and be a joy to all concerned.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The cost of printing and paper are still rising and each succeeding issue of the Gem News is published at a heavy advance. There is a splendid future before the Gem but to continue in its steady path of progress, the exchange must have sufficient funds to "carry on". We have therefore decided to revise our subscription rates as per schedule on page 5. These rates come into effect immediately and will apply on all new subscriptions and renewals.

We find that the present size of our journal does not give us much space for publication of the free advertisements allowed to new members and, after due consideration we have decided to abandon this feature. All unpublished ads, now in our possession will appear in due time.

Will members having application forms in their possession kindly cross out mention of the free ads, on the forms, and alter the subscription rates to conform with our new schedule?

AVIS IMPORTANT.

Le prix de l'impression et du papier sont encore augmentés. Chaque numéro du "Gem News" paraît maintenant avec plus d'extension et c'est un avenir splendide pour le "Gem", mais pour qu'il continue dans la voie du progrès, les fonds de la Société doivent être suffisants pour le soutenir. Nous avons donc décidé de reviser nos tarifs d'abonnement. (Voir page 5).

Ces tarifs entreront tout de suite en vigueur pour les nouveaux membres comme pour ceux qui renouvellent leur souscription. Nous trouvons que le format actuel du journal n'offre pas assez d'espace pour publier les annonces gratuites concédées aux nouveaux membres et, après réflection, nous avons décidé d'abandonner ce système. Toute annonce, non encore publiée et actuellement entre nos mains, paraîtra en temps et lieu. Les membres qui ont en leur possession des bulletins d'adhésion, voudront bien rayer la mention des annonces, gratuites et modifier les pri[illegible] cription en conformité a[illegible] nouveau tarif.

SALES DEPTS.

Members in any part of the [illegible] having stamps to dispose of, a[illegible] vited to make use of our sales [illegible] Selections should be sent by reg[illegible] red mail to:

American Dept.: J. Friedman, 5[illegible] Chateubriand Ave., Montreal, Canada.

Australian Dept.: H. J. Spicer, 44 Denmark St., Kew, Victoria, Australia.

Dutch Dept.: A van Dieren, Zwanenplein 77 huis, Amsterdam, Holland.

Lots for the American Dept. should be priced net in dollars and cents (Canadian) those for the Australian Dept., in pounds, shillings and pence, and those for the Dutch dept. in Guilders and cents. 10 % commission charged on sales to cover expenses. Prompt returns and settlements.

Within short a German Dept. will likewise be opened, presumably under the leadingship of Mr. H. Henkel of Hannover, Gem 1267.

TRAVEL POSTCARD CIRCLE.

The following members agree to re-mail all travel cards received by them to foreign countries:

290, 300, 316, 336, 337, 426, 454, 455, 485, 510, 594, 610, 614, 661, 663, 688, 703, 708, 724, 748, 756, 765, 841, 853, 933, 953, 974, 981, 1006, 1025, 1042, 1084.

Members, not listed above, who wish to be enrolled in this circle, are requested, to send in their names, preferably on a view card (stamped on view side) to the President or Vice-President.

"Glad to inform you that I enjoy the Gem better than I do in a[illegible] other club". — Gem 1006.

Do it now! Get that friend to j[illegible]

NEW STAMP ISSUES

Readers are invited to forward us early rmation of new issues, accompanied whenever sible with specimens which will be promptly turned or equivalent value in Canadian stamps nt. Full particulars should be given. Address ll correspondence to the President.

Australia. Mr. Spicer informs us that Australia has increased her postage to 2d. A new value has therefore been added to the current set.

K. Geo. 2d orange yellow.

Czecho-Slovakia. The following values of the current issue have appeared in new colours:

10 h. lt. brown
25 h. green
50 h. carmin

One wonders at the necessity for these frequent changes.

Holland. So called "floating safe stamps" have been issued which are used for letters etc. to be mailed to the Dutch Indies in "floating safes". There are 3 designs, printed on sheets of 50 pieces. There are 7 values:

15 c. greyish-blue	f 1.50 dark blue
60 c. carmine	,, 2.25 red-brown
75 c. sepia	,, 4.50 dark grey
	,, 7.50 red

As a consequence of the new postage rates the values of 1/2 c, 1 1/2 c, and 4 1/2 c. have been withdrawn. New values of 4 c. and 30 c. were put into use, the former by surcharging the 4 1/2 c. value.

Japan. Mr. Y. Hirota sends us copies of two stamps issued to commemorate the first official census, held October 1st.

1 1/2 sen lilac
3 sen carmine

N. Z. Dependencies. The islands of Aitutaki, Raratonga, Niue and Penryhu which formerly used overprinted stamps of New Zealand, are now using a distinctive issue. The designs, with a few minor exceptions, are the same for each island, but the colours are different. The values are:

ke 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 3d, 6d, 1/—
ad

Union of S. Africa. To meet the increased rate of postage, a new value has been issued.

1 1/2d light brown

United States. A new issue, commemorative of the 300th anniversary of the landing of the Pilgrims, has appeared.

1 c. green
2 c. carmine
5 c. blue

In place of the usual wording — U.S. Postage — the inscription "Pilgrim Tercentenary" appears.

AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT.

Representative: H. J. Spicer, 44 Denmark St., Kew, Melbourne, Victoria.

Twenty-eight members have been enrolled through this Dept. since our last issue and we are still going strong Special mention should be made of members 632, 900, 591 and 780 who have given me splendid support. Roll up, you Australians, and put your shoulders to the wheel. We must secure fifty new members for the next issue and I want every one of you to help. Drop me a card to-day for a supply of application forms.

Renewals from members in Australia and New Zealand should be sent to me. Please enclose a penny stamp to help defray p.o. commission.

I warn members in this Section from soliciting packets of view cards from German members as these, for the time being, may not be imported. I have received several single cards from Germany, so I presume that these are allowed in, being in the nature of correspondence.

Read what prominent users of the American Sales Dept. say: "I appre-"ciate the quick returns. It takes "18 months to get anything out of "most clubs". — T.V. Binmore 638.

"I certainly was both surprised and "pleased at the large amount sold "from my booklets". — G. S. Tusholske Gem 393.

Are you taking full advantage of this dept?

DEUTSCHE ABTEILUNG.

Vertreter: Willy Behrens, c/o Hotel Deutsches Haus, Dissen (Teutoburger Wald) Germany.

Im Juli vorigen Jahres habe ich die Gem-Vertretung für Deutschland übernommen. Bis zu dieser Zeit waren die Deutschen in Gem nicht vertreten 61 Mitglieder konnten geworben werden; wenn mich die neugewonnenen Mitglieder ihrerseits kräftig in meiner Werbearbeit unterstützen, hoffe ich, dass sich die Mitgliederzahl in Deutschland beträchtlich erhöhen wird. Beitrittserklärungen stehen Interessenten zur Verfügung. Denjenigen Sportsfreunden, die Beziehungen zum Auslande haben, sende ich auf Verlangen Formulare in englischer und französischer Sprache zu.

Um Irrtümern vorzubeugen sei hier noch einmal besonders darauf hingewiesen, dass die ein-jährige Mitgliederschaft so lange dauert bis das Mitglied 4 Nummern unserer Zeitschrift erhalten hat. Alle Zahlungen innerhalb Deutschland bitte ich auf Postscheckkonto No. 477 (Creditbank zu Hannover) auf Sparkonto W. Behrens, Gem-Vereinigung, zu leisten.

Es ist beabsichtigt eine Abteilung für Briefmarken Rundsendungen zu gründen. Mitglieder, die Interesse hierfür haben, werden gebeten sich in Verbindung zu setzen mit Herrn H. Henkel, Hannover, Gem 1267.

Unsere Freunde in der Tschecho-Slovakei wollen ihre Zahlungen leisten auf das Konto unseres Vize-Präsidenten bei der Hollandsko-Ceskoslovenská Obchodní Spolecnost "Holbo" in Prag, II. Spálená ul. 47. Briefmarken können wir aus dieser Republik nicht mehr in Zahlung akzeptieren. Aufnahme erfolgt erst nach Erhalt der Rimesse.

Zum Schluss möchte ich unsere deutschen Mitglieder darauf aufmerksam machen, dass Pakete mit Ansichtskarten aus Deutschland vorläufig nicht in Australien zugelassen werden.

MÉJICO.

Las diferencias notables de la a[illegible]tud del suelo de Méjico son causa [illegible] la variedad de climas en este pa[illegible] que se divide en tres zonas: tier[illegible] caliente, hasta 600 metros sobre [illegible] nivel del mar; tierra templada, desd[illegible] 600 metros hasta 1400, y tierra fria desde 1400 hasta 2300 metros. La variedad de su clima y la diversidad de alturas en sus mesetas y montes permiten a Méjico el cultivo de casi todos los vegetales.

Los méjicanos se ocupan principalmente en la explotacion de las minas, el cultivo del campo y la cria de ganados. La industria es todavia escasa.

La República de Méjico está compuesta de 27 Estados, el Distrito Federal con la Ciudad de Méjico y 3 Territorios. Los Estados de mayor importancia para el comercio son los tropicales de Veracruz, Tabasco, Campeche y Yucatán.

Veracruz: La naturaleza ha favorecido a Veracruz con las más variadas producciones. Se cultivan en especial la cana de azúcar, el tabaco y el café.

Tabasco es renombrado por las maderas finas de construcción y de tinte que crecen en los bosques espesos, por su cacao y por su tabaco, vainilla y raíz de zacatón. La capital, San Juan Bautista, tiene por puerto a Frontera.

Campeche. La principal riqueza de este Estado estriba en sus palos de tinte y en su henequén.

Yucatan, que linda ya con Guatemala, está dedicado casi por completo al cultivo del henequén. En los alrededores de la capital, Mérida, hay fábricas bien montadas para limpiar y desfibrar el henequén. Mérida está unida por ferrocarril al puerto de Progreso, donde hacen escala los vapores correos y de carga.

Get five new members and we extend your membership one year, i.e. for 4 copies of the "News".

The Gem Postcard & Stamp Exchange

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All advertisements must be prepaid. Payments must be made in bank-notes, cheques or money orders.

If this space is marked with an X it denotes that your subscription has expired. Kindly renew at once to ensure receiving our next issue.

Sobald in diesem Felde ein X erscheint, ist Ihr Abonnement abgelaufen. Um die rechtzeitige Zustellung der nächsten Zeitungsnummer sicherzustellen, bitten wir um sofortige Bezugserneuerung.

Une X sur cette place signific que votre adhésion est échue. Si vous désirez recevoir la prochaine Revue, veuillez renouveler votre abonnement de suite.

Una X en este cuadro significa que su suscripción ha terminado. Sírvase renovarla en seguida si desea recibir el próximo número.

Progress.

A glance at the large membership list mailed with this issue will show how rapidly our Exchange is progressing.

Two Depts. are doing good work, Australia and Central Europe, under the leadership of Messrs. Spicer and Behrens, respectively. A few more energetic members like these will soon put the Gem ahead of all existing Exchanges, Do your bit, members!

An organization like the Gem is kept alive only through the constant addition of new members. These can be obtained (1) by the management, (2) by our members.

The men in whose hands the management of the Exchange lies are doing their share by steady advertising and propaganda. To them is due credit for the majority of the new members published in each supplement.

Great power, however, lies in the hands of our members. They can do more than the management in increasing our membership.

Will you use that power? You can easily obtain three members for the Gem. Will you do it?

Please drop a card to us for a supply of application forms. They will be gladly sent you post-free. Have one of your friends fill in a blank and return to our nearest Office. Don't wait and see but do it now.

COMPETITIONS.

Standing on Jan. 1, 1921.

Cash Prizes.

Ten Dollars in Cash will be distributed amongst the three members having the largest total of points when our membership passes the 1500 mark One point is credited for each new member introduced.

Following is the standing of those having secured three points or more:

337.	H. J. Spicer	53	points
853.	W. Behrens	24	„
632.	W. A. Miller	13	„
703.	J. W. Th. Beek Jr.	9	„
448.	Miss C. Wooning	8	„
671.	P. Adles	6	„
756.	S. W. Lindsey	6	„
683.	R. Oosterhout	5	„
900.	H. A. H. Thomas	5	„
622.	F. A. J. Heinhuis	4	„
559.	G. J. Baukema	4	„
630.	B. Vermaas Jr.	4	„
780.	S. Moore	4	„
764.	L. Smits	3	„
591.	Miss M. May	3	„
587.	A. M. E. v. Reyn Snoeck	3	„
997.	J. C. Smits	3	„
855.	J. M. Malherbe	3	„
828.	J. H. F. Brinkgreve	3	„
597.	L. Looy	3	„

We hope to see your name added to this list in our next issue.

Honour Roll.

In addition to the above prizes, a free year's membership will be given for every five points secured. When the total reaches fifteen, a life membership is awarded.

The following extensions in membership have already been awarded:

337.	H. Spicer	LIFE	86 points
853.	W. Behrens	LIFE	24 „
632.	W. A. Miller	2 yrs	
260.	H. S. R. Block	2 yrs	
210.	J. A. Neeter	1 yr	
235.	A. Tinney	1 „	
448.	C. Wooning	1 „	
454.	A. B. Ringer	1 „	
474.	R. de Ries	1 „	
496.	A. Perlet	1 „	
559.	G. J. Baukema	1 „	
597.	L. Looy	1 „	
683.	R. Oosterhout	1 „	
671.	P. Adles	1 „	
703.	J.W.Th.Beek Jr.	1 „	
756.	S. W. Lindsey	1 „	
900.	H.A.H.Thomas	1 „	

An interesting competition was announced in our last issue. Our Australian Representative, Mr. Spicer, will mail 12 and 6 cards of Melbourne or Victoria (either under cover or stamped on side) to the members introducing the largest number of new members between 1001 and 1200 inclusive. This competition is open to every member in the Exchange. Two points will be credited for the first member introduced in a country not represented in our membership.

THE ROMANCE OF LONDON.

(By S.S. Morrison. Gem 426)

The Tower.

One of the oldest surviving fortresses in England, and indeed Europe, is the famous Tower of London. Begun nearly 1000 years ago by William the Conqueror, the Norman invador of England, the Tower has been gradually added to, and enlarged, by later monarchs of England.

Used first as a fortress, the Tower became in later times the grimmest prison in England, and around these venerable grey stones is woven a wealth of romance more vivid than ever the wildest fiction told.

To endeavour, in a short space, to give an account of the long history and innumerable associations of the Tower, would be impossible, so I content myself with describing to the reader a few of the many incidents connected with the Tower of London, which have helped to make what I have called the Romance of the World's

City. Here, under the sha- the Tower, the fate of Eng- as been decided throughout the es.

retrace our thoughts to the century and see before us the e but ill-fated Lady Jane Grey laimed Queen of England within Tower — her tumultuous nine ays' rule and the end of her short-lived dignity of Queen.

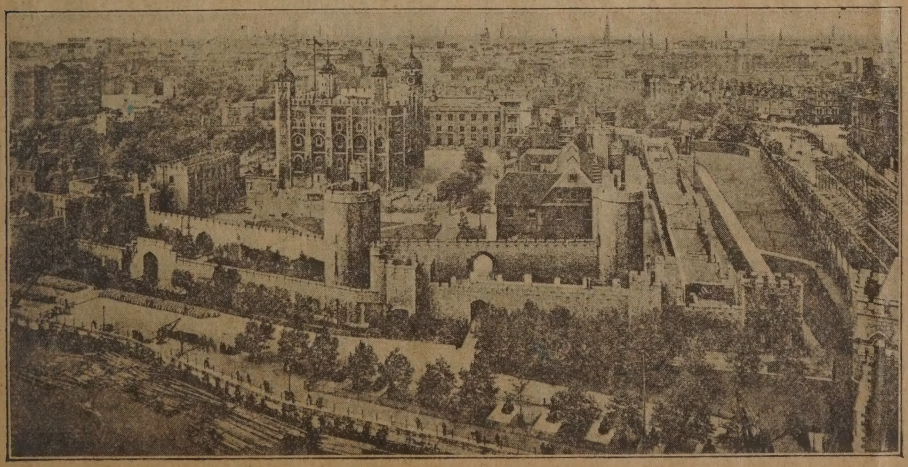
Deserted by her former followers, declared a traitress, she afterwards passed with calm resignment to execution, from within the same walls that had seen her brief role as Queen.

Many, too, in the dark days of intolerance, were those who passed through the famous Traitors Gate, within the Tower, on their way to execution.

In the inner chambers of the gloomy fortress, but rusty with age and disuse, are still to be seen the terrible instruments of torture devised in bygone days to extort a confession from the unfortunate captive. Deep down among the foundations on the riverside are the damp, rat-infested dungeons, where were imprisoned, often never again to see the light of day, those guilty of high treason against the State. On the massive stone walls of some of these dungeons there remain to this day, roughly inscribed on the grey stones, the names of many of the miserable prisoners who languished therein.

During succeeding centuries, the Tower lost much of its importance and grandeur. Here at one time, resided the Royal Court of England, and many are the whispered conspiracies and dark deeds which the ancient pile has witnessed.

In mediaeval times the Tower of London was regarded as the key to England, and on many occasions fierce conflicts were fought to decide the possession of it when very large bodies of troops were quartered within its walls. Surrounded on all sides by massive stone walls of great height giving access to a broad, deep, moat joining the River Thames on the South, the Tower was at all times a formidable fortress. At the present day, the chief interest of the Tower, beyond its enthralling history, lies in the fact that it still holds the proud distinction of being the most important fortress in England, and is also notable as being the store-house of the Crown Jewels of England, which are securely lodged high up in one of the turretted towers. These treasures are of enormous value, and may be seen (behind steel bars) by all visitors to the Tower, which contains besides, many very interesting relics of past ages, such as the axe block of execution.



Heimat und Uebersee im Liede.

Wenn sich zwei Freunde von einander scheiden,
Und einer zieht hinaus in's fremde Land,
Weit über's Meer nach dem ersehnten Glücke,
Schliesst fester nur sich ihrer Freundschafts Band.

Der alten und der neuen Heimat Sterne
Sind ein's im Himmelssaal für immerdar,
Und die Gedanken ziehn wie gute Brüder
Von einem Ort zum andern treu und wahr.

Und jeder der Gedanken in der Seele,
Ob sie sich von der alten Heimat schied,
Ob sie schon in der neuen Heimat wohnet —
Ein jeder der Gedanken ist ein Lied.

Und wie ein schöner Tag voll Duft und Blüten
Ein Frühling ist, so kommt mit ihrem Licht
Der Quell des Lebens und der Trost im Sterben,
So kommt die Liebe und wird zum Gedicht.

Und wenn zwei Liebende sich müssen scheiden,
Und zwischen beiden liegt die grosze See,
So sagt das gleiche Lied in beiden Herzen:
Das Wiederseh'n nur heilt das Trennungsweh!

So spinnt das Lied der Liebe Rosenketten,
So knüpft das Lied der Freundschaft geistig Band,
Und über Land und Meer zieht eine Seele,
Zur andern hin im Lied, von Strand zu Strand.

Und sucht das Leben auf d[illegible]
d[illegible]
Weit über'm Meere das ers[illegible]

So führt im Lied die treue H[illegible]

Die Seele stets in's Heimatlan[illegible]
zur[illegible]

In Kampf und Frieden und in Freu[illegible]
und Sorgen,
Beseelt das Lied die Kraft, dasz Herz und Hand,
Auch Uebersée im Geist daheim noch bleiben,
Zur Ehre und zum Glück vom Heimatland!

Sempach, 15. März 1914.
(Gem. 876). Jean Bättig.

WARNING!

Two complaints have been registered against the following members:

381	by	291	and	923
610	„	683	„	642
525	„	592	„	923
443	„	703	„	915
574	„	828	„	915
818	„	923	„	915

These members are advised to immediately adjust these claims as a further complaint will be sufficient to put them on the Black List and liable to expulsion from the Exchange.

Members entering complaints should advise our nearest office immediately upon settlement of same so that the entry may be cancelled.

We do not write to the offending members, unless postage is added, but only publish the complaints like above.

TO NEW MEMBERS.

The receipt of the "Gem News" and Membership-list is an acknowledgement of your subscription. Do not wait until your name is published but get into touch with the members you wish at once.

Always mention your number which will be found in the upper right hand corner of the list.

Undisplayed Advertisements.

2 c. (1d) per word. Minimum 20 c. All ads must be prepaid.

da. Exchange of stamps and .e.v. desired with members in e. Wm. Friedman, Gem 202, hateaubriand Ave, Montreal.

echo-Slovakia, new issue, all used varieties, 5—3000 h, 13 sets ollar 1.20, 3/5 d, 14 fr. or 8 pta; 200 stamps new issue, face value 100—120 Kc for dollar 1.—, 3/5 d or 7 pta. Payment in advance. Desire wholesale exchange with every country. A. Panek, Jagerzeile 1, Teplitz-Schönau, Czecho-Slovakia.

Send me foreign postage stamps and U.S. and Canadian Revenues and receive choice of postcards, magazines, newspapers, photos of Niagara Falls, Hudson River, Railroad scenes for such as can use. Prompt returns. Also give books in exchange in U. S. - C. F. Smith, Tarrytown, N. Y., U.S.A. Gem 971.

Exchange. Send me 30—300 different stamps of your country for the same number of Czecho-Slovakia, value for value. Augusta Jaroslav, Jicin, Czecho-Slovakia,

Désire envois de timbres, tous pays, sur feuilles à choix, base Yvert. Donne Timbres de guerre toute Europe. Savino di Marzo, Casella postale 636, Vénise, Italie.

Coloured views s.v.s. exchanged with members anywhere. Gem 663.

I would be pleased to exchange art-cards with members in all parts of the world. Gem 730.—

Coins. All countries, ancient and mediaeval, curious currencies, stamps of South Seas an, West Indies, Antiques, Egyptian, Roman and Creek, D. Raymond, Gem 731.

Have numerous stamps for sale or exchange, also packets good varieties. W. H. Macbeth, Gem 733.

Would like to exchange correspondence in general with members outside Australia, Gem 740.

I wish to exchange stamps and poster stamps with all parts o fthe world Gem 742.

I wish to exchange stamps and cards with all members of the "Gem". Gem 744. Wish to exchange stamps medium collectors from all parts of the world. Gem 745.

Those interested in curios, seashells, coins, zoology and precious stones should get into exchange with M.T.S. Idrose of Ceylon, Gem 746.

I have a lot of the lower issues of Australian Stamps for exchange, H. Hooper, Gem 747.

I exchange view cards with all members of the world, stamps on view side. Also postage stamps, particularly of the War. Gem 748.

Would like to correspond with members of the Gem with view of exchanging post-cards, stamps, magazines and news-papers. Gem 749.

I wish to exchange stamps with beginners from all parts of the world. Gem 752.

I wish to exchange stamps with beginners from all parts of the world. Gem 754.

I should like to correspond with members in all parts of the world, preferably Brazil, Hawaii, Malay States. All letters answered. Gem 756.

Would anyone correspond with E. Gill, 514 Bay St., Port Melbourne, Victoria, in order to exchange postcards of Melbourne and Victoria. Gem 761.

D. A. Gaffney, Gem 769, wishes to exchange stamps of Australasia for any Foreign, English or South Sea Island stamps.

Wanted to exchange and correspond with stamp collectors in any country. I will give ten stamps for each postcard-view. Gem 780.

Desire to exchange stamps of Australia for foreign. Gem 782.

Wanted to exchange stamps from any part of the world for Australian, also postcards. Gem 784.

J. H. van Dijck, Gem 787. wishes to exchange stamps and cards. Will also buy stamps. Please make offers.

I wish to exchange view-cards and stamps, Gem 789.

Gem 791, Tan·Chwee Tiong, would like to hear from those interested in correspondence, also exchanging stamps and postcards.

Exchange stamps with the whole world. Give Hungary. prefer old issues and high values. Want to receive stamps first. Berniat Imré. Gem 792.

Exchange solicited. Against better colonial stamps can send Dutch and old Europe. No common stamps wanted except new issues. Gem 796 Holland.

Mrs. D. L. Browne, Gem 799, wishes to correspond and exchange postcards with members. Particularly those in America, France and Japan.

Which member in America wishes to correspond with Dutch young lady? Write Gem 801.

Königliche-Krönungs-, Bolsevik-, Besetzungs-, Einzugs-, Kriegs-gefangenen Marken sende nach Michel-Katalog preis. Elkan-Reszö, Gem 803.

Young Australian collector wishes to exchange stamps with the British Colonies and any foreign nation. Gem 804.

Since the beginning of the War, there have appeared more than 1000 different Hungarian Stamps. Have you them? If not, write to me. I can send you them all. Gem 805.

A. W. de Silva, Gem 809 desires to exchange stamps, cards, correspondence, coins and news-papers with members. Prompt reply guaranteed.

Holland postcards, all kind[illegible] change offered and prompt re[illegible] aranteed by Miss Mary Ob[illegible] Gem 810.

I give Hungarian postage stam[illegible] exchange with the whole w[illegible] Gem 814.

Postcards from Holland. Excha[illegible] invited. Prompt reply Gem 812.

I send per registered post coloured cards stamped view side against unused stamps. Exchange sets of unused stamps. Gem 816.

Send me any kind high class postage stamps. I will give equal value of Asia and Oceania in exchange. Honest, fair and prompt dealings. Try me and you will be satisfied. Register all sendings. Gem 820.

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Holland, Gem 828 wishes to exchange cards & stamps. Everybody welcome to write. Prompt reply. Correspondence French, English, German.

I give stamps of Hungary and C.S.R. for stamps of the whole world. I have fine and faultless stamps. Collect also cards. Gem 830.

Desire to exchange view cards, s.v.s. from place of origin. Gem 832.

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Wanted to exchange stamps with collectors in all countries, especially British Empire, Basis Gibbons. Send first Gem 763.

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Snapshots, magazines, coins, medals, etc., also exchanged. I desire to become a member of the European Exchange Clubs. Introduce please. Have plenty of the commemorative and Japan-China stamps, write me! Gem 771.

ant types, customs, beauties, dan- and bathing girls, actresses wa- alls, rivers, farm-scenes, illustra- papers, magazines, photos and mps. Gem 773.

Stamps wanted, all countries. Ex- ange for British or European. Cor- spondence invited. Letters promptly ttended to. Gem 777.

I exchange postage stamps all over the world. All collectors who send me a postcard with printed stamp will receive in return one illustrated card of Costa-Rica. Gem 786.

Desire to exchange postcards of England with members in Italy or South Africa. Gem 795.

Won't you kindly give me postcards and magazines in exchange for those of Japan. Gem 797.

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The Stamps of Holland and its Colonies.

(By J. van DOESBURGH, Gem No. 354).

Holland.

Issue 1852. Imperforated.

5 cents blue
10 „ red
15 „ orange

This issue was engraved by J. Wiener at Brussels and printed at the Mint, Utrecht (Holland). Mr. Wiener had made a study of the printing of stamps with the English firm of Perkins, Bacon & Co. and the result is shown in this first issue, which is the only one of Holland with a watermark, viz. a posthorn on each stamp. All of these stamps are on surface toned paper. The following shades are found in the 5 cents value:

1852. dark blue
1853-4. steel blue (rare)
1858-9. deep blue
1859-61. water blue
1859-61. milky blue (second printing in this year)
1861-62. pale blue
1863. greenish blue

The 10 cents value was not printed in so many shades, but we meet here a little variety in printing. All the stamps of this issue were re-engraved several times, but in the 10 cents we can distinguish the different plates best. We find the following varieties in printing:

1. head of the king with horn on the forehead just above the eyes.
2. with horn removed, but a small lump shows the erasure.

The following distinct shades are noticed: claret, dull carmine, rose carmine.

The 15 cents shows us a rare variety in colour, pale orangeyellow.

Of all these stamps trial prints in *black* exist and also reprints. On the reverse the word "nadruk" appears in several colours, grey-black, bright blue, yellow-green, brown, carmine, blue-green, yellow.

Stamps of this issue were printed in sheets of 100, divided into four

panes of 25 stamps each. The distance between two panes is a little larger than the margins between two stamps of the same pane. The gum of this issue is brown or white. Unused stamps are very rare.

[This instructive article will be continued in our next issue. Mr. van Doesburgh is an expert on this subject and his articles will be found very useful to the collector of these stamps. Ed. Note.]

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2. All communications must be answered within twenty (20) days of receipt.

3. Members must send fair exchange for all cards, stamps, etc. received.

4. Members must give their *Gem* number and full address when writing.

5. All letters and cards must be fully prepaid by the sender as regards postage.

6. If three or more complaints by different members are registered against a certain member, that member will be expelled from the exchange unless a satisfactory reason can be given.

7. All changes of address must be promptly reported to the President or the Vice-President.

8. All enquiries addressed to either the President or Vice-President *must* be accompanied by a Reply Coupon.

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A, coins; B, curios; C, pressed flowers; D, newspapers and magazines; E, poster stamps; F. photographs, 7, personal, 8, Kodak views; X, stamps; 1, used; 2, unused; Y, cards, 3, coloured, 4, uncoloured, 5, actresses, 6, stamped on view side; Z, correspondence; c. Chinese; d, Dutch; da, Danish; e. English; esp, Esperanto; f, French; g, German; gr, Greek; i, Italian; j, Japanese; n, Norwegian; p, Portuguese; r, Russian; s, Spanish; sw, Swedish.

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247. Code to read: B, Y3, 6, Z.

260. Code to read: Z.

280. Change 642a City Hall to 47 Drolet St. Code to read: X, F8.

281. Change 642a City Hall to 47 Drolet St. Code to read: X.

294. Pte. J. T. Culley, No. 72542, "A" Coy, 2nd Battn, Norfolks Regiment, Thetford, Norfolk, England.

299. Code to read: X.

300. Change Ry Blocks to Staff Quarters.

303. Code to read: X, Y, B, D, F.

304. Change London N. W. to London N. W. 10.

305. Code to read: Y6, Z, f, e.

323. Code to read: A, B, D, Y5, 6 Zd, e, f, g.

336. Code to read: X, Y6, Ze, esp. No cards of France or England.
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492. Code to read: F, Y.
493. Code to read: X, Zd, f, e, g.
516. Change 31 to 38.
517. Code to read: Y6.
526. J. Vissers, Terloostraat Oost 78, Borgerhout, Antwerpen, Belgium (X)
532. Code to read: Z.
533. W. X. Robinson, 11 Broomhedge St. off Adelaide Rd, Newton, Wellington, New Zealand (X).
548. Leave out: Geestbrugweg 33.

The following memberships have been cancelled either through resignation or expiration:
241, 254, 277, 285, 298, 333, 351, 362, 466, 531.

Member No. 395 passed away.

Member No. 343 was killed in service.

The Packets.

We take great pleasure in bringing to the notice of our stamp collecting members our system of *Packets*, which has been in operation for some time past with much success. Packets have been circulated regularly in Europe and America and now we are very glad to announce that we have made arrangements with Mr. H. W. Henbest, Gem No. 297, to have our members' booklets circulated in Great Britain. Similar arrangements had already been made with the Universal Philatelic Exchange established in Amsterdam.

Mr. Henbest is the secretary of the "Gem Stamp Exchange Society", a club which has been in operation since 1912, circulating Packets on the well-known English system, which our Exchange has adopted.

We would point out that our organization is the only worldwide Exchange maintaining Packets in different Continents and it is our great aim to extend this privilege to Asia, Africa and Australasia. We, therefore, earnestly request each stamp collecting member in these continents to write us stating whether they would be willing to co-operate by sending in sheets for circulation and whether they wish to be put on the circuit list when the system is exended to their countries. Members in Asia and Australasia should write to the President, those living in Africa to our Vice-President.

At the same time we beg *every* stamp collecting member to show his approval of the "Packets" by sending in, at least, one booklet for circulation.

Revised Rules & Regulations. October 1919.

1) The object of the Packet System is to facilitate the buying and selling of stamps amongst members of the Gem Postcard & Stamp Exchange.

2) Every member of the Gem Postcard & Stamp Exchange, the Gem Stamp Exchange Society and the Universal Philatelic Exchange may make use of this departement.

3) All booklets are to be sent by registered mail to the following addresses:

For circulation in America: J. Friedman, 54 Chateaubriand Ave, Montreal Canada,

For circulation in Europe: J. van Doesburgh, Pater Wijnterlaan 1, Naarden, Holland.

For circulation in Gt. Britain: H. W. Henbest. 17 Dickens Terrace, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent, England.

4) The stamps must be mounted by hinges in booklets, bearing the name, address or membership number of the owner. If the stamps are mounted on sheets, the sheets must be bound or fastened together, mentioning the total number.

5) The stamps must be clearly priced in ink in the currency of the country of origin.

6) The stamps must be free from paper. False stamps are prohibited; these will be taken from the booklets and returned to the owners at their risk and expense. Damaged stamps must be *clearly* marked.

7) Settlements will be made immediately after the circulation of the Packet. Return postage plus a charge of 10% on sales will be deducted to cover operating expenses.

8) Whilst the Exchange assumes no responsibility for the safety of the Packets when in transit, every precaution will be taken for the safeguarding of same. The Universal Philatelie Exchange assumes every responsibility.

9) Results of the different Packets will be published in each issue of the News.

10. Any member desiring to be put on the circuit list should write to the Secretary residing in his division.

11) Each member will receive the Packet first in turn, as near as possible. The Secretary, however, reserves the right to arrange the route lists at his discretion.

12) The Packets must not be kept longer than 48 hours (Sunday excluded) and must be mailed to the next member on the Route List by *registered letter* mail. If the Packet is delivered in person, a signed receipt must be obtained. A member is held responsible for the safety of the Packet while in his or her possession.

13) Members removing stamps must clearly write or stamp their initials and Gem Nos. in the empty spaces.

14) If a space is found empty and with no initials, the matter should *at once* be reported to the member from whom the Packet was received as well as to the Secretary of the Dept. Responsibility rests with the preceding member.

15) Remittances should be made to the Secretary by cheque or Money

order at the same time that the Packet is re-forwarded. Unused stamps will *not* be accepted. *A report giving the amounts purchased from each lot must accompany the remittance.*

16) Members keeping the Packet longer than 72 hours (Sunday excluded) must include a fine of 10 Am. cents with their remittance. If this occurs more than three times the offending member will be excluded from participation in the Dept.

17) Members intending to be absent for more than 72 hours should inform the Secretary by postal card of the dates so that arrangements may be made accordingly.

18) Stamps must by no means be exchanged for other copies. Members violating this regulation will be expelled from the Exchange.

19) Suggestions for the improvement of the existing system will be welcomed.

Note. The above rules apply only to stamps circulated in America and Europe. Those entered in Great Britain are subject to the rules of "The Gem Stamp Exchange Society", a copy of which Mr. Henbest will gladly mail to any member on request.

Results of the Packets.

Following are the results of Packets circulated to date.

European Dept.

No of Pkt.	Value	Amt. Sold.	Lots Ent'd.	%
13	f 178.44	f 73.47	8	41.17
14	310.30	81.68	8	26.30
15	246.11	91.97	10	37.36
16	483.38	117.89	10	24.39
17	272.21	71.29	10	26.18
18	202.87	—	10	—

American Dept.

No of Pkt.	Value	Amt. Sold,	Lots Ent'd	%
1	$ 20.79	$ 7.51	7	31.32
2	75.59	22.97	6	30.38
3	73.22	11.45	7	15.63
4	104.61	42.65	9	40.67

South Africa.

(By Miss S. M. Welch, Gem No. 416),

Africa, from North to South, covers some 5000 miles and has an area of nearly twelve million square miles as against the nine million square miles of North America.

The term South Africa has for many years stood for the area covered by the old Cape Colony, the Orange Free State, Natal and the Transvaal, with adjacent native territories, now all combined under the title of the self-governing "Union of South Africa". The administrative capital is at Pretoria, in the Transvaal, while the Houses of Parliament (the Senate and the House of Assembly) are at Cape Town in the Cape Province. Each of the four Provinces has a Provincial Council presided over by an Administrator.

The principal ports of South Africa are: Cape Town in the South West,

A typical view of Amsterdam. (See page 13).

Mossel Bay, Port Elizabeth, East London in the South, and Durban in the South East.

The Orange River, dividing the Cape Province from the Orange Free State, rises in Basutoland and drains an area of 400.000 square miles, flows into the South Atlantic Ocean, but is not navigable. The Vaal River, a partial boundary between the Orange Free State and the Transvaal flows into the Orange River.

South Africa rises from sea level in a series of mountain terraces to about 5.000 feet and then drops away towards the level of the Zambesi River which drains Central Africa. Vast plains, but mapped out into farms of 2.000 acres and upwards, carry flocks of sheep and herds of cattle. Agriculture and dairying are receiving greater attention than in the past, so that in some articles of produce, South Africa is becoming self-supporting instead of importing from Australia and other countries.

The European population of the Union of South-Africa is 1.745.000 composed of English, Dutch, Scotch, Irish, Welsh and an admixture of races from the Continent of Europe.

Kimberley is the diamond mining centre, while the younger city of Johannesburg is the gold mining metropolis.

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Editorial.

Peace, somewhat delayed, has at last been signed and all mail restrictions have been dropped. The whole world is now open to all of us and collector and exchanger, alike, will not be slow to take advantage of opportunities which have been inaccessible during war times.

Relieved from the tension of war, thousands of minds are turning towards hobbies as a change and the ranks of stamp and card collectors are being greatly increased daily. The GEM, with unrivalled opportunities, makes a bid for these new collectors. Will every member help us and their friends by speaking to them of the Exchange. A few words and a sight of THE GEM NEWS often leads to a new member. Try it.

Notes to Members.

The article by Mrs. Tuholske, in our last issue, has evidently met with great favour judging by the many kind notes received. Articles, likely to be of interest, are always welcome. Why do not some of our literary members try their hand?

A member who has put his heart and soul into the Exchange is Mr. J. van Doesburgh, Gem No. 354, Secretary of our European Sales Department, who will write an article for each issue of the NEWS.

Another member deserving of mention is Mr. Harold Spicer, Gem 337, who has advertised out of his own pocket to obtain new members for the Exchange. His results, so far, will be seen in our "Honour Roll".

It is a small thing to introduce two new members, is it not? Yet, if every member were to do so, our membership would be increased by about 800. Is it not worth while?

A bigger membership means a larger and better "NEWS", illustrated, and more benefits to members. Do your share.

Welcome Praise

Under the heading AN UNUSUAL SORT OF PAPER, the *Gem Library* has the following to say of our "News".

"A Canadian reader—J. Friedman, of 54 Chateaubriand Ave., Montreal—sends me a copy of a little paper he is publishing quarterly. It is of rather an unusual type, as the chief feature of its contents is a list of names and addresses.

I suppose this does not sound very interesting, but I think there will be no lack of interest to the readers for whom the little paper is meant.

For, it is the official organ of the Gem Postcard Exchange, which was founded by my correspondent in January, 1914. The club was called after this paper because it owed its origin to the facilities offered by our Correspondence Exchange. And the names and addresses are those of members with whom postcards and stamps may be exchanged.

Looking down it, I see addresses in Great Britain, Canada, South Africa Australia. — This is something in the way of an achievement. Certainly our friend Friedman must have worked hard to bring his project up to this level of success. After the war he should be able to do even bigger things, for now there must be great difficulties in the way of the Exchange.

The big batch of members in Holland would appear to be due to the activities of the vice-president, W. G. R. Zahn, of Amsterdam".

We take this opportunity to thank the Editor of the *Gem Library* for his kind comments through which many new members have already been enrolled.

New Stamp Issues Column.

(By J. van Doesburgh, Gem 354).

The Editor having only given me a limited space, I regret to be unable to describe all the numerous new stamps issued during the past few months. Here are a few interesting ones:

Lettland. First issue on geographic maps of the German army. One value perf. & imp. Second issue on writing paper, same type, 3 values.

Litauen. This country has already 9 different sets. The differences between the various sets are very small.

Ukraine. Nearly all stamps of the old Russian Empire have been overprinted with about 20 different types of the Ukraine arms in violet or black colour. There exists also a new design on thick and thin paper; several of same are very rare.

"Volks Republic" West Ucraine. This

Republic has overprinted the stamps of Bosnia and Austria-Hungry. The number of sets is excessive. Some are very rare. It is said that only 2 stamps have been issued of some values.

Tsjecho-Slovakie. Has totally new types of stamps with several new dies.

Fiume Used Hungrian stamps with the overprint "Fiume", but issued after totally new designs in several types.

Denmark. Complete sets of overprint 27 ore and several other new values, viz. 7, 12, 27, 30, 40 ore. 35 & 50 ore in new colours.

Germany. 3 commemorative stamps. 35 & 75 Pfg. are new values in the ordinary type. A set of 2 charity stamps for war invalids.

Belgium. 10 cts with the likeness of King Albert as a soldier. 25 cts in new design.

I would draw our readers' attention to the fact that this list is not complete, but next time I hope to give you further information. Members interested in armistic stamps are cordially invited to write to me, as I will supply them at rock bottom prices. I further refer to my ad. in this issue.

The Romance of London.

(By S. Morrison. Gem No. 426).

Some years ago, during extensive dredging operations in the River Thames at London, some curious relics were raised from the mud on the river-bed.

Among these were arrow-heads of chipped stone, worn thin with age, and spear-ends of bronze, of crude workmanship and design. Following these discoveries, a sculptured bust in bronze of a former Roman Emperor was raised at another spot in the Thames.

These findings created great interest among many eminent archaeologists, and when, later, several battered plates or shields of metal were dragged from the mud at the bottom of the River, there was much speculation as to their origin.

After exhaustive scrutiny, these seemingly uninteresting pieces of stone and metal proved to be the work of the ancient inhabitants of England: For centuries an unknown page in the history of England had lain at the bottom of the Thames — within a few yards of the roar and bustle of modern civilisation, passing over the bridges of London. Thus, after hundreds of years, a wonderful romance of reality has been brought to light.

By sheer accident, some of the most

remarkable relics ever discovered have been raised from the mud of a river-bed to the light of day, and so, little by little, the misty recesses of the days of long ago are gradually being opened to our eyes, and, little by little, the long, long, history of old London unrolls itself.

Honour Roll.

A free year's membership is given for introducing five new members. As soon as a member has been successful in obtaining fifteen points, a free life-membership is awarded. Following is the standing of members who have secured five points or more:

J. van Doesburgh, 354	14	points	(2 yrs)
H. J. Spicer, 337	12	„	(2 yrs)
H. S. R. Block, 260	11	„	(2 yrs)
R. de Ries, 474	9	„	(1 yr)
A. B. Ringer, 454	7	„	(1 yr)
A. Tinney, 235	5	„	(1 yr)

If the member you introduce joins for two years, two points are credited to you. Let's see how many members will be added to this list in the next "News". Application forms may be had post free from either office.

Free Service.

Mr. J. van Doesburgh, Gem 354, offers to test stamps for members. This member is an expert and will make no charge for this service. A self-addressed envelope and reply coupon should accompany each request.

Expirations.

The following memberships expire with this issue:
211, 226, 230, 242, 247, 249, 252, 261, 262, 272, 274, 278, 283, 284, 286, 289, 296, 308, 309, 310, 313, 315, 316, 319, 321, 324, 329, 330, 332, 336, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 349, 350, 352, 353, 358, 359, 360, 361, 363, 364, 367, 369, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 389, 390, 391, 392, 394, 396, 400, 401, 403, 404, 405, 406, 489.

A special appeal is made to these members to renew *promptly*. Subscriptions may be sent either to the President or Vice-President.

Travel Postcard Circle.

We are pleased to say that our Travel Postcard Circle is meeting with great success.

The following members agree to re-mail all travel cards received by them to foreign countries:
217, 220, 230, 289, 290, 296, 300, 305, 306, 316, 325, 336, 337, 389, 396, 405, 417, 425, 426, 455, 461, 472, 481, 485, 510, 516.

Members, not listed above, who wish to be enrolled in this circle, are requested to send in their names, preferably on a view card (stamped on view side) to the President or Vice-President.

Letters from Holland.

(By W. G. R Zahn, Gem No. 220).

Amsterdam is one of the oldest commercial towns of the Netherlands. Its first buildings date as far back as 1200 A.D. and since then the town has expanded rapidly, especially in the years 1342, 1450, 1612 and 1658. It was for centuries the mercantile capital of Europe and it still retains many signs of those prosperous days, mainly evident in the large and richly built patrician houses which you will find alongside the many canals.

Now-a-days it is, together with Rotterdam, our principal commercial town, with a large import and export of all kinds of merchandise. It has several direct steamship lines to the largest oversea ports of the world and especially to the Dutch East Indies and the West Indies.

Amsterdam is often called the Venice of the North, owing to the fact that it possesses so many canals. But these are not used for passenger traffic as in Venice, because nice streets called "grachten" are alongside the canals. Many of my correspondents with whom I have been exchanging cards received views of those "grachten" or canal streets, for instance "Keizersgracht", "Heerengracht", "Prinsengracht" etc. They will have noticed how extremely picturesque these streets look. (See also the illustration on page 8).

In past times these Canal Streets were the residence of the rich merchants and now-a-days those wealthy and noble buildings with their varying and stately facades are mainly used as offices. Many of these have been overthrown and in their places large buildings fully coping with the present demand have been erected.

Amsterdam, being the capital of the province of North Holland, has over six hunderd thousand inhabitants and is the largest city in our country. It has a famous Zoological Garden which is one of the largest of Europe and a large and beautiful Royal museum with picture galleries full of paintings of the famous Dutch masters, e.g. Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Jan Steen etc. etc.

Holland is known as a water land owing to its numerous canals and rivers. As a matter of fact, its inland shipping trade is enormous. Amsterdam is connected with 168 different towns and villages in Holland by means of no less than 235 regular boat services. During the year 1915 no less than 52.721 voyages were made by these services.

The river Y, on which Amsterdam is built, is separated from the Zuiderzee by means of large sluices. In olden times the sailing vessels leaving Amsterdam for all parts of the Globe, took their way via the Zuiderzee, but the vessels were gradually built larger, so that the sluices became too small. A canal was then dug across the province of North Holland, in a straight line from Amsterdam to Helder, but that canal also became too small after a little time. (Continued

MEMBERS' ADS

Each member on joining is allowed a 25 word ad free: Additional insertions and extra words at $^1/_2$ penny per word. Minimum advertisement accepted, $7^1/_2$ d. We particularly wish to draw our members' attention to this page which is an effective means of bringing oneself to the notice of other members. All ads. must be prepaid. No advertisements given free with renewals.

W. K. COLLINS. Gem 458, wishes to correspond with members interested in foreign and colonial stamps.

BRITISH COLONIES. Would like to hear from members who have parcels of stamps to sell or exchange. Thos Brown. Gem 459.

I HAVE a special proposition to make persons outside of U.S.C. You keep in touch with new issues of their country. V. W. Rotnem. Gem 464.

I WOULD like to exchange cards stamped on view side. Do not send first. Prompt reply. J. F. Haye, Gem 289.

DESIRE to enter into friendly relations with each member who exchanges stamps, magazines, newspapers, correspondence etc. Manuel Hidalgo, Gem 470.

WANTED correspondents to exchange postcard views of great buildings, churches, monuments etc. L. W. Jobbins, Gem No. 462.

R. DE RIES, Gem 474, exchanges stamps with all countries. Sends also cards for stamps. Prompt reply guaranteed.

J. A. W. SOREL, Gem 491, wishes to exchange stamps with Br. Colonies. Does not send first. Prompt reply.

J. VAN DOESBURGH, Gem 354, asks agents in all countries willing to supply him any news stamps immediately after issue against face value plus 5%; 10 of each kind below 1/—, 1 of each kind above 1/—. Payment immediately upon receipt. At request I also give stamps in exchange. Letters to be stamped philatelically Registered. Reference: Vice President of the "Gem".

WILL EVERY member send me one dozen views of their town and receive in exchange dozen postcards of packet stamps value 4/—. Pywell, Gem 303.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE, bought, sold and exchanged. Old catalogues and handbooks wanted. W. R. King, Gem 471.

EXCHANGES any quantity Brazilian stamps for foreign ones. Wants to receive view cards "stamped on view side" from every member. T. Wilcox, Gem 472.

STAMPS EXCHANGES, bought, sold, basis Scott, Gibbons. Embossers for fancy stationary and business stationary sold. Impression sheets free on request. Correspondence English, French, Spanish. Gem 477.

I EXCHANGE view cards and types, all countries except France, stamped, dated, signed view side. Commemorative and war stamps if possible. Return cards for stamps. Gem 481.

Mrs. E. GILLESPIE, Gem 485, will exchange curios with members in all English speaking countries.

JOSEPH DE FEO, Gem 486, échange cartes illustrées plusieurs à la fois. Deux par une états ou établissements Asie, Océanie. Petits valeurs croix rouge.

I SHOULD like to exchange correspondence in English and French. Gem 493.

SEND 400 view coloured postcards, unposted, or 15/— cash, and will receive in exchange 1000 assorted Siamese stamps. Nai Pau, Gem 498.

MEDIUM COLLECTORS. Exchange desired with foreign collectors in all countries on quantity or catalogue basis. Gibbons or Yvert. Wm. Friedman, Gem 202.

NEW ZEALAND. Send coloured postcards of your country in exchange for N.Z. ones. I exchange used stamps and snaps also. D.W. Meldrum, Gem 503.

I WISH to exchange crocket work with any lady members as well as stamps. E. J. Cooksley, Gem 504.

H. C. TREWEEKE, Gem 507, wishes correspondence with stamp collectors in French or English, and wishes exchange postcards with members except English.

MAD. MYRIAM, Gem 509, jeune dame tunisienne, désire échanger cartes et photos d'après nature (nu), envoie sous double enveloppe, celle intérieure portant "Mad. M.", celle extérieure portant M. Eug. Guérin (M), P.O. Box 11, Bizerte, Tunis, Afrique.

WISHES TO exchange pressed flowers, stamps, cards. Correspondence in Dutch, French, German, English. Sends cards of the well known beautiful environs of Nymegen. Gem 510.

ECHANGE cartes postales avec monde entier. Antoine Pastor, Gem 516.

JE DÉSIRE cartes postales t.c.v. avec timbres croix rouge, taxe de guerre (war tax), orphélins de guerre ou cachets des armées. R.P. Daniel, Gem 517.

WANTED TO exchange low value stamps of N.Z. by quantity. State exchange price offered when writing, also good stamps offered for exchange. A.L. Allan, Gem 520.

W. G. R. ZAHN, Gem 220, wishes to exchange view cards, stamped on view side only, with members in Australia & New Zealand. Vertical cards preferred, also war cards of any kind. I do not send first.

WANTED TO exchange stamps with beginners. Offer N.Z. etc. in exchange. J. Brugh, Gem 521.

WILL EXCHANGE N.Z. stamps for foreign and Br. Colonials. Prompt replies. I do not send first. J. Mc Ara, Gem 522.

I COLLECT postage stamps and postcard, views (coloured preferred) no comics. Stamps or cards sent in exchange for either of the above. Miss G. Hayes, Gem 523.

DESIRE EXCHANGE of stamps with all countries, gives also censored cards and envelopes for stamps. Jos. Vissers, Gem 526.

NEW ZEALAND and Australian postage stamps exchanged with Colonial and Foreign members. Correspondence specially invited. Replies by return mail. W.X. Robinson, Gem 533

EXCHANGE coloured postcards with members anywhere. Gem 537.

HERBERT L. PARDOE, Gem 538, would like to exchange postcards with members. Prompt reply guaranteed.

ENVELOPES wanted with old and uncommon adhesive stamps on, nicely postmarked. Exchange basis. Strictly honest. G. Russell, Gem 539.

I WISH to exchange postcards, except Great Britain and France (stamp view side). Gem 540.

CONTRE onze francs, argent suisse, j'envoie cent timbres-poste différents, sans variétés, franco recommandé; paiement par mandat postal d'avance. Henri Carteret, Gem 541.

WHICH YOUNG lady will correspond with young officer. Write to 2nd Lieut. A. de Lauwere, Gem 543.

I BUY, sell and exchange used postage stamps, exchange coins and postcards, stamped view side. Gem 544.

N.B.—We are unable to publish all members' ads in this number, but these will be continued in our future issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

and postcard exchange desired with members in Australia, New Zealand, U.S.A., Siam, Japan, Persia, Denmark, by S. Morrison. Gem. No. 426 Reply guaranteed.

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Harry D. Martin Gem No. 406

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The Stamps of Holland and its Colonies.

(By J. van DOESBURGH, Gem No. 354).

Holland.

Second Issue 1864.

This issue consists of three different values e.g. 5, 10 and 15 cents. As contrasted with the first series of this country this issue has not so many shades. We mention only the following:

5 cents blue
5 cents dark blue
10 cents carmine red
10 cents carmine
15 cents yellow
15 cents yellow orange
15 cents saffron

When we consider these stamps minutely it is possible to distinguish the two prints, which were made of these stamps. The first, printed at the Mint in Utrecht (Holland), has a slightly less distinct frame round the outerside of the stamps, while the second print in 1866, shows us a heavy line on the bottom and upper part of the stamps. The latter was printed at Haarlem by Messrs. Enschedé & Sons, who printed all future issues of Dutch stamps. Another manner in which to distinct the two prints is, that with the second print the colours are more heavy.

The paper of this issue is unwatermarked and sometimes slightly azured. Also the paper varies considerably in thickness.

These stamps are line-engraved, the engraver being Mr. J. Kaiser, on white wove paper, and perforated $12^1/_2 \times 12$. A complete sheet of these stamps consists of 200 specimens in two panes, each of 100 stamps. As with the former issue, also with this one many retouches found place, but the space left to me is not enough to mention them all.

It is said that the 5 cents stamps of this issue exist in a double impression.

[This is the second instalment of Mr. van Doesburgh's article. A third will appear in one of our next issues. Ed. Note.]

The Gem Postcard & Stamp Exchange.

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Sec. of European Sales Dept: — J. VAN DOESBURGH, 10 Jacobi Verhoeflaan, Bussum, Holland.

RULES & REGULATIONS.

1. Members must use cards of their own country when exchanging unless requested to the contrary.

2. All communications must be answered within twenty (20) days of receipt.

3. Members must send fair exchange for all cards, stamps, etc. received.

4. Members must give their *Gem* number and full address when writing.

5. All letters and cards must be fully prepaid by the sender as regards postage.

6. If three or more complaints by different members are registered against a certain member, that member will be expelled from the exchange unless a satisfactory reason can be given.

7. All changes of address must be promptly reported to the President or the Vice-President.

8. All enquiries addressed to either the President or Vice-President *must* be accompanied by a Reply Coupon.

CODE

A, coins; B, curios; C, pressed flowers; D, newspapers and magazines; E, poster stamps; F. photographs, 7, personal, 8 Kodak views; X, stamps; 1, used; 2 unused; Y, cards, 3, coloured, 4, uncoloured, 5, actresses, 6, stamped on view side; Z, correspondence; c. Chinese; d, Dutch; da, Danish; e. English; esp, Esperanto; f, French; g, German; gr, Greek; i, Italian; j, Japanese; n, Norwegian; p, Portuguese; r, Russian; s, Spanish; sw, Swedish.

* writes first only.

New Members.

600. A. H. Voyce, 4 College Terrace, Palmerston North, New Zealand (X).

603. Masayuki Asada, 144 Rinsenji-Machi, Shitaya, Tokio, Japan. (X, Y)

605. Miss C. V. Bradshaw, 81 Mckenzie St., Bendigo, Victoria, Australia (X, Y6)

607. N. A. Frank, Room 384, Hunter St. 43, Sydney, N. S. W., Australia (X)

609. H. P. Ryner, 10 Latrobe St., Windsor, Victoria, Australia (X,Y.Z)

611. S. Sasabe, Tadain, Tadamura, Kawabegum, Hyogoken, Japan (X, Y, e, j)

612. L. W. Lutz, 913 S. Wisconsin Ave., Oak Park, Ill., U.S.A., (X,Y, Y for X)

614. F. T. Webster, 3 Carr Place, Clay Pit Lane, Leeds, England (X,Y,e,f, esp.*)

616. Yoshihisa Hirota, 21.2 Saiwaicho, Nishiku, Osaka, Japan (Y,Z,Y for X)
618. E. P. Kelly, 24 Gordon Ave., Hamilton, Newcastle, N. S. W., Australia (X)
620. G. W. Gins, Bank of N. S. W., Cootamundra, N.S.W. Australia (X)
623. V. C. W. Sheehan, "The Rosary", Cambridge St., South Grafton, N. S. W., Australia (X)
625. Miss M. Millar, Blacksbutt, Brisbane Valley Line, Queensland, Australia (Y 3)
627. J. F. Griffith, Beale & Campp, High St. West, Maitland, N.S. W., Australia (X)
628. J. W. Vonk, Klarenbeekstraat 41, Arnhem, Holland (B,Y,Zg,e)
629. Miss C. Gannon, c/o W. Hart & Sons, Charles St., Launceston, Tasmania, Australia (Z, handkerchiefs)
630. B. Vermaas Jr., St. Antonielaan 113, Arnhem, Holland (X,Y,D, Zd,e,f,g,)
631. Josef Hubner, Flurgasse 5, Reichenberg, Czecho-Slovakia (X, Y6)
632. W. A. Miller, "Coatbridge", New Sandgate Rd., Clayfield, Brisbane. Queensland Australia (X, e,f)
633. I. Wynberg, Plantage Kerklaan 34, Amsterdam, Holland (X)
634. L. Gillen, P.O. Box 293, Pretoria, Transvaal, South Africa (Y,A, X,D,e,f,d,)
635. Pau Antonio, Via Cavour 25, Cagliari, Sardegna, Italy (Y,X, f,i)
636. Miss I. Becknill, P.O. Box 293, Pretoria Transvaal, South Africa (Y6,e,f)
637. J. W. Giel, Derde Helmerstraat 66, Amsterdam, Holland (X)
638. T. V. Binmore B.Sc., 148 Northcliffe Ave., N.D.G., Montreal, Canada (X,Z,e,f,s,g)
639. A. Faligant, 2 rue Marceau, Cholet (M & L). France (Y6)
640. Antonio Bosch, Ronda Universidad 5, Barcelona, Spain (Y, e,f,s)
641. D. Low, "Riversleigh", Avonside, Christchurch, Canterbury, New Zealand (X)
642. B. van de Poel, Naell Tynnegieterstraat 52, Arnhem, Holland (Y,Z,e,f,g)
643. R. G. Ranby, King Geo Hospital, Rotorua, New Zealand (F7,8,Y from France)
644. C. J. A. Voorhamme, Bellamyplein 30, Amsterdam, Holland (X,Y,Zd,e,g)
645. H. B. Kiernan, 501 West 174 St., New York, U.S.A. (X, D for X)
646. S. E. Kristensen, Rikstelegrafen, Molde, Norwegen (X,Y,e,g,f)
647. A. A. Goss, Box 278, Brownsville, Texas, U.S.A. (X)
648. S. Escobar, 26 Calle Hernando Colon, Seville, Spain (Y,Zs,e)
649. S. Georgans, Mayne St., Murrurundi, N.S.W., Australia (Y, Ze,gr)
650. Giorgio Umani, Piazza Roma 5, Ancona, Italy. (Shells, silver coins, artistic photos, e,f,i,)
651. T. H. Hindle, 7 York Rd, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, England (XI,2,Y3,5,D)
652. Miss O. Froggatt, Box 105, Mackay, Queensland, Australia (X,Y)
653. Miss Odette du Mesnil, rue Millevoye 44, Amiens, France (Y4)

654. A. A. Mackay, c/o Mrs. E. J. Wright, East Kempsey, N.S.W., Australia (X,C,Y, birds'eggs)
655. Charles Boehm, Villa "Theresia", Mühltalerstrasse, Leoben, Steiermark, Austria (D,Y3,4,6,Ze,g)
656. Miss C. Gohdes, Peel St., Mackay, Queensland, Australia (X)
657. Georg Lytzhöft - Sörensen, Strindbergsvej 53, Copenhagen-Valby, Denmark (X,Y6,e,da,n)
658. T. W. J. Bray, Skinner St., South Grafton, N.S.W., Australia (X,Y)
659. Miss D. R. Erwig, Jonker Fransstraat 102a, Rotterdam, Holland (Y6,Zf,e,g)
660. L. Diamond, 662 Drolet St., Montreal, Canada (X)
661. Ed. Winter, 269 Ossington Ave., Toronto, Ont., Canada (X)
662. Ph. H. Polak, Gelderschekade 96, Amsterdam, Holland (Y,Ze)
663. R. A. Latham,, 189 Marsh Lane, Bootle, Lancs., England (Y3, Zf,)
664. Emil Wartusch, 1543 Meczery Str., Teplitz-Schönau, Czecho-Slovakia (X only)
665. W. Gunn, Richmond, via Townsville, North Queensland, Australia (B,F7, art studies, D, Y5,Ze)
666. Miss J. Polak, Gelderschekade 96, Amsterdam, Holland (Y,Zf,g)
667. E. A. Gross, Green Lakes, Horsham, Victoria, Australia (Y)
668. Fausto Biancoli, Galarate (Milano), Italy. (X writes first)
669. Miss A. H. Wirth, Green Lakes, Horsham, Victoria, Australia (Y,Z)
670. Minne Zwolle, Westerfilde (Kr. Dortmund), Germany. (does not exchange)
671. P. Adles, 44 Colonial Ave., Montreal, Canada (X,E)
672. L. Lewin, Weesperplein, 15, Amsterdam, Holland (Y,Z,d, e,f,g)
673. Erwin Strasser, 6102 Woodland Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, U.S.A(X)
674. Miss Friedel Siegler, Biebererstrasse 32, Offenbach a/Main, Germany (Y,Ze,g)
676. Othman Beer, c/o Messrs. Max Beer & Co., Liechtensteinstrasse 41, Vienna, Austria. (X,d,e,f,i,g)
678. Miss T. Dattner, Nieuwe Heerengracht 179, Amsterdam, Holland (Y,Ze,f)
681. Ferdinand Seitz, 1543 Meczery Strasse, Teplitz-Schönau, Czecho-Slovakia (Xg)
683. R. D. Oosterhout, Laanweg 18b, Amsterdam, Holland (X,Y,e,f,g)
685. Ernest Bonkowski, Bureau Restant Poste Militaire Française, Constantinople, Turkey. (*)
687. H. van de Weyer, Goudsche Singel 211b, Rotterdam, Holland (Zf,e,d)
689. S. L. Keyzer, Da Costakade 127, Amsterdam, Holland (Y,Zd,e,f,g)
690. J. Cohen, 5 Nicolaas Witsenkade, Amsterdam, Holland, (Zf)
692. Miss A. C. C. Remmert, Adm. de Ruyterweg 60 A, Amsterdam, (Y3,4,6,B)

A good way to help us to improve and enlarge the *News* is to show this copy to your local stamp dealer and solicit his advertisement.

Changes of Address.

206. Travelling at present.
293. N. Hoekstra. c/o Gouvernements Accountancy Dienst. Gang Holle 1, Weltevreden, Batavia, Java.
324. E. F. Wurtele, Box 67, Sta. B., Montreal, Canada.
354. J. van Doesburgh, Jacobi Verhoeflaan 10, Bussum, Holland.
387. F. W. Shuster, Hot Springs, Arkansas, U.S.A.
474. R. de Ries, Rue du Rempart B.M. 122, Berchem-Antwerp, Belgium
476. F. P. Hitchcox, Madang, via Rabaul, New Britain, N. W. Pac. Isles.
480. Name should read: Szto Kiat Ho.
525. Miss D. Hall, 21 Durham St., King Williams Town, S. Africa
572. Read: P.O. Box 6899.
574. R. Cappe, 82 Rue Bara, Brussels, Belgium.
587. A. M. E. van Reyn Snoeck, 15 Cornelis Evertszstraat, Utrecht, Holland.
594. J. O. Stancliff, 414 Carter Bldg., Houston, Texas, U. S. A.
597. L. Looy, Stationstraat, Barendrecht, Holland.
621. Read: Miss Iwana Garin.

Changes in code will be mentioned when publishing the complete list of members in one of our next issues.

The following memberships have been cancelled either through resignation or expiration:

230, 242, 261, 272, 283, 284, 286, 296, 308, 309, 310, 315, 316, 321, 325, 329, 330, 332, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 349, 350, 352, 353, 358, 359, 360, 361, 363, 364, 369, 372, 373, 375, 376, 382, 389, 405, 416, 434, 489, 551, 561.

Membership of No. 254 has not been cancelled.

Members are requested to note the above changes on their lists to avoid errors. A complete revised list will be published shortly.

A new Competition.

To stimulate further efforts in securing new members we have pleasure in announcing particulars of a new competition to commence with applications received by either Office on and after March 1st 1920. One point is to be credited for every new member introduced and the three members having the largest total of points when our membership reaches the 1500 mark will receive the following prizes:

1st	**$ 5.00**	**in cash**
2nd	**$ 3.00**	**„ „**
3rd	**$ 2.00**	**„ „**

In addition, our offer of a free year's membership for every five members introduced will still be in force.

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Editorial.

In the last three months we have noticed amongst our members a fine spirit of co-operation and this has given us considerable pleasure. We avail ourselves of this opportunity of thanking all those who have responded to our appeal and trust that those who have delayed sending in their request for application blanks will do so now.

We have reluctantly been obliged to reduce the size of this issue, but you will no doubt be compensated by the long list of new members.

We take great pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. H. J. Spicer, Gem 337, as *Official Representative for Australia.* Mr. Spicer, by his untiring energy in the interests of the *Gem*, has shown himself a valuable member and we are quite confident that this appointment will prove of great benefit to the Exchange.

Don't let Mr. Spicer get too proud of his record! Show him you can do as well.

Honour Roll.

Many members are taking advantage of our offer for new members. A free year's membership is given for every five points secured. As soon as the total reaches fifteen (15) points, a free life-membership is awarded. Following is the standing of members who have secured three points or more:

H. J. Spicer, Gem 337	32	points	(life)
J. van Doesburg, Gem 354	13	„	(2 yrs)
H. S. R. Block, Gem 260	11	„	(2 yrs)
R. de Ries, Gem 474	9	„	(1 yr)
A. B. Ringer, Gem 454	7	„	(1 yr)
A. Tinney, Gem 235	5	„	(1 yr)
N. Hoekstra, Gem 293	4	„	
G. E. Edwardes, Gem 407	4	„	
D. Ederzeel, Gem 380	4	„	
A. Perlet, Gem 496	4	„	
P. G. Pywell, Gem 303	3	„	

A supply of application forms may be had post free from either office.

Expirations.

The following memberships expire with this issue:

206, 212, 218, 219, 226, 249, 252, 262, 289, 290, 291, 301, 306, 307, 311, 312, 320, 323, 326, 328, 345, 347, 370, 383, 384, 385, 386, 390, 391, 392, 394, 396, 400, 401, 403, 404, 407, 408, 410, 411, 412, 414, 415, 417, 420, 422, 423, 424, 425, 427, 430, 431, 432, 433, 435, 436, 438, 439, 440, 442.

Our members are requested to renew promptly. Subscriptions may be sent either to the President or Vice-President.

We particularly draw our stamp collecting members' attention to our system of *Packets*, full particulars of which we gave in *The Gem News* No. 6, pages 5, 6 and 7.

Have you stamps to sell? Do you wish to purchase stamps cheaply? If so, make use of this Department. It is for your benefit.

MEMBERS' ADS.

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A GREAT OFFER. I have got 300 used and unused stamps of Gold Coast, Togoland, Nigeria, Sierra Leone etc. varying from ½ d to 1/— to dispose off to any member who will send a beautiful wellmade hand watch or a complete set of a Camera taking cigarette card size photos. Have also got a beautiful valuable Ivory or Tusk weighing about 6 lb. to sell for cash. E. Victor Arthur Kisseadoo, Gem 530.

ITALIAN used stamps in quantity exchanged with other countries. dealer in Italian fine arts. photographs, old prints, etc. Attilo Bowinkel, Gem 547.

I WILL exchange postcards with all members (stamped on view side) I also want any quantity of current stamps. Ward Golding, Gem 553.

DOLLAR BARGAINS. Ceylon packet containing 50 varieties, Indian Native States packet containing 100 varieties, Native Malay States packet containing 50 varieties. each packet 4/-, all 10/-. Stephen de Silva, Gem 554.

EXCHANGE desired with other British Colonials stamps and postcards. M.H. Green, Gem 555.

INDIAN NATIVE STATES, 50, 100 different for 1/6, 5/- respectively, 10, 20, 30 different Jaipur State for 1/6. 6/6, 14/- respectively. B. D. Bhargava. Gem 556.

WILL MEMBERS abroad personally interested in trade between England and their country kindly get in touch with Fred. J. Collins, Gem 558.

EXCHANGE of postage stamps and view cards desired with all parts of the world. G. J. Baukema, Gem 559.

FOR POSTER STAMPS, Tickets, picture Postcards will send you what you want. S. Uyeda, Gem 562.

I WISH GOOD exchanges with serious collectors. I collect postcards in colour, views. monuments, buildings and illustrated revues. I give cards, stamps in exchange. J. M. Martins, Gem 564.

F. CLIFTON. Gem 566. desires to exchange stamps, especially British Colonials for Australians. Will do best to send any stamps wanted.

HOLLAND. J. H. Hart, Gem 567, wishes to exchange used or unused postage stamps all over the world, sends on application cards or curios in return.

EXCHANGE fine view postcards, stamped view side, with the World. Correspondence in English or French on literary and interesting subjects. Newspapers Reviews etc. wanted. Gem 568.

I SHOULD like to exchange postcards or stamps for postcards of Holland with members in America. H. A. Okkes, Gem 567.

WANT TO exchange stamps and postcards with collectors all over the world. H.N. Haas, Gem 570.

ATTRACTIVE postcards depicting all kinds of Canadian scenes for exchange with all GEM members anywhere. R. K. Shantz, Gem 571.

CORRESPONDENTS interested in postage-stamps, picture cards (beginners and medium collectors preferred), mineral specimens, coins or curios. W.C.H. Zipp, Gem 572.

SHALL BE pleased to get stamps of Colonies, chiefly from British, French, Dutch and ex-German colonies. Richard Cappe, Gem 574.

COMPLETE SETS medium, rare, War and Red Cross stamps all countries desired for cash or in exchange for British Africans, Togo, Cameroon etc. Basis Gibbons. Yverts, Scotts, postcards, coins, curios also exchanged. John. H. Phillips. Gem 575.

MRS. H. W. SKILLMAN, Gem 576, invites correspondence with namesakes U. S. A. also exchange stamps and postcards with world-wide correspondents.

EXCHANGE DESIRED with foreign and colonial members. Basis Gibbons. Does not send first but sure and honest replies. Harry Miller, Gem 579.

I SEND postcards or stamps in exchange for good picture view cards. H. Lethbridge. Gem 581.

OFFER STAMPS of small values, envelopes and postcards used during German occupation in Belgium. Exchange also by selection, basis Yvert. Want especially colonial stamps. R. Bourriez, Gem 582.

E. REEVES, Gem 584, desires exchange correspondence in English and French with members in France, Brazil, Holland, also postcards

I SHOULD like to exchange postcards and flower seeds, also to correspond with members in Japan, Chile, Switzerland, Algiers, East & West Indies. Gem 585.

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THE AZORES.

(By H. W. Henbest. Gem No. 297)

The remarkable voyage recently made by the United States seaplane N. C. 4, from Newfoundland to Plymouth, has caused the Azores to become a centre of interest. Here, Commander Read and his gallant crew, made their first stop, upon a voyage which has opened up great possibilitities for the future of aerial transport.

I take the opportunity availed me by your President of appending a few notes which may be of interest to readers.

The Azores or Western Isles are a group of islands, situated in the Atlantic Ocean, to the westward of Lisbon. They were discovered by Goncalo Velho Cabral in 1432, and consist of nine islands, disposed of in three groups, running southeast to northeast. The eastern group is composed of St. Michael (the largest) and Santa Maria Islands, and by a group of small islands, called Formigas. The central group is composed of Terceira, Graciosa, St. Jorge Pico and Fayal Islands. The western group is composed of only the small islands Flores and Corvo. The area of the archepelago is 1147 square miles with a population of about 260.000.

All the islands are of volcanic origin, which is proved by the existence of the actual volcano at the Pico Island, the remains of extinct volcanoes, and rocks of a basaltic nature of which the islands are formed. The archipelago has a temperate climate, and, like all maritime climates there are no great changes of wind, nevertheless it is of an excessive humidity.

These islands produce corn, wine (especially Graciosa, St. Jorge and Pico) vegetables, bananas, pineapples and oranges. They abound in cattle, especially cows and pigs, with the exception of St. Michael and Flores Island, these two islands having a scarcity of drinking water.

The capital is Ponta Delgado, on St. Michael Island, with a population of 18.000 It possesses a dock and is famous for its exports.

Angra do Heroismo (12.000 inhabitants) is situated on Terceira Island, being the port of the south coast. It is historically known by the war with the Spanish in 1580 in favour of D. Antonio Prior de Crato. Altonso VI of Portugal was imprisoned here at the castle of S. Joao

Baptista. It is also famous as being the place where D. Pedro IV organised the expedition which landed at Mindello, Portugal.

Horta with 7000 inhabitants, is an excellent port on the eastern coast of Fayal Island. Other towns are Ribeira Grande and Villa France do Campo, both of which are on St. Michael Island.

In spite of the roughness of the soil with volcanic peaks, the archipelago is well cultivated, especially St. Michael Island, which produces corn, fruits and vegetables, which are often exported to the continent. The orange production, which was one of the greatest sources of wealth of these islands, has somewhat decreased owing to disease.

As already will have been noticed the Azores are situated in an excellent geographical position in the middle of the North Atlantic between Europe and America.

Now a word to the collector as regards the philatelic issues of these islands. I believe it is quite possible to form a very interesting collection of stamps issued specially for these islands, whilst eliminating all minor surcharges and overprints.

The Azores, being regarded as an integral part of Portugal Proper, no special stamps were issued prior to 1892, postage being prepaid by means of Portuguese stamps overprinted with the word „Açores". Seeing that these stamps to the general collector have already been collected (without overprints) under Portugal, I think we can safely eliminate them. (Continued).

[To be completed in our next issue with an instructive list of the postage stamps issued by these islands. Ed. Note].

THE ROMANCE OF LONDON.

(By S. Morrison, Gem No. 426).

The Houses of Parliament.

On the north bank of the River Thames at Westminster, London, stand the British Houses of Parliament. The traveller in London, on coming to Westminster, sees before him a series of buildings in the Gothic-Tudor style, stretching along the river-side to a length of 900 feet.

At the extreme end and overlooking Westminster Bridge, the Clock-Tower containing the famous „Big Ben" rises to a height of 280 feet. This clock, the big and little hands of which are 14 and 9 feet long respectively, is said to be the largest, most powerful and most accurate timepiece in the world. It was constructed by a London firm of clockmakers, who, as may be imagined, enjoy an enviable reputation.

Another very interesting feature of the Houses of Parliament is the gigantic Victoria Tower, which is over 400 feet high. At the summit of this Tower is a huge flag-staff, 100 feet high, and weighing 16 tons, from which the Union Jack flies during Parliament's Session. This flag itself, which from the pavement far below, appears to be quite small, is, in reality, so large that 1500 people could find room enough to stand on it! Topping the huge flag-staff is a crown, which can be seen clearly outlined against the sky. This crown is 6 feet high and weighs 5 cwts.

Besides these interesting features the Palace of Westminster (as the Houses of Parliament were formerly called) has a remarkable and even romantic history.

Several hundred years ago, and long before the present buildings were erected, a plot was hatched in London to assassinate the King of England and his Ministers during a Council of Parliament in the old Palace. At the dead of night barrels of gunpowder were brought across the river to the cellars of the Palace, entrance to which the plotters gained by removing the wall of a house adjoining. At the very moment when the assassins were preparing to fire the train of explosive, they were discovered, and arrested the leader of the conspirators being ultimately executed for treason.

LETTERS FROM HOLLAND. (2)

(By W. G. R. Zahn - Gem No. 220).

Holland is very much interested in the tobacco trade and the manufacture of cigars. This important branch of trade dates from the year 1600. At that time many foreign tobaccos were imported, viz. from Brazil, Virginia, etc. At about the beginning of the eighteenth century tobacco from almost all the tobacco growing regions in America was imported, and further from Havana, Porto Rico, Brazil, etc. Al that time the principal centres of industry were at Amsterdam and Rotterdam, but now-a-days large Cigar Works are spread all over the country. It is reported that there were 200 factories in 1806. According to the statistics of that time Holland was the leading importer of tobacco in the 19th century. When the tobacco plantations in the Dutch East Indies began to develop rapidly, Sumatra and Java tobacco was chiefly imported and Amsterdam became the largest tobacco market. Prior to 1914 there were imported 837.972 bales of tobacco from Java and Sumatra, representing a value of about 73.900.000 Dutch guilders.

The tobacco is sold at auctions held at Amsterdam and Rotterdam. As the Dutch East Indies supplied a kind of tobacco principally suitable for the cigar manufacture, this trade developed rapidly. There are about 1300 factories including both large and small ones.

In my previous article I mentioned that Amsterdam is the largest city of Holland. Then follows Rotterdam, which possesses magnificent waterways, also various large and well equipped harbours, which can accomodate the largest ships of the world. Her position is especially important, as the city has a large hinterland, viz. Switzerland and Germany, by means of good waterways. Rotterdam is, just as Amsterdam, connected with various oversea countries by direct steamship lines. A short time ago a new service was opened. viz. between Rotterdam and South Africa. Up to then there did not exist any direct shipping-route under the Dutch flag between Holland and South Africa, but principally owing to changes brought about by the great war, that line was established. It is anticipated that the new line will prove a great success.

Rotterdam has about 360.000 inhabitants and is worth visiting. An interesting excursion may be made round it by boat. Also a walk alongside the tree planted, ever busy quays is really recommendable. In the centre of the city a large Church stands, which was consecrated in 1477. A new Townhall and Post Office, both of enormous size, are in course of construction.

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AUSTRALIAN DEPt.

Representative: H. J. Spicer, 44 Denmark St., Kew., Melbourne, Victoria.

Renewals from members in the Commonwealth may be sent to our representative by postal note made payable to him at Collingwood Post-Office. This will save the extra expense of a money order when sending direct.

Enquiries regarding the exchange may be sent to this office. A stamp should be enclosed to defray postage.

A supply of application blanks is always on hand and members in the Commonwealth or N. Z. may secure same on request post-free.

AN INTERESTING CHALLENGE.

Our Australian representative challenges the supremacy of our Dutch members (as regards numbers). He calls on all Australian members to help him secure more members. The following comparative table, giving the number of new members in the two countries since News No. 6 will show how Australia is creeping up.

	News No. 6	No. 7	No. 8
Holland	12	16	36
Australia	9	18	23

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H. J. Spicer,	Gem 337	life (50 points!)
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A free year's membership is given for introducing five members. When the total reaches fifteen, a free life-membership is awarded.

OUR CASH PRIZE COMPETITION.

The three members with the largest total of points are:

H. J. Spicer, Gem 337, 16 points
J. W. Th. Beek Jr., Gem 703, 9 points
Miss C. Wooning, Gem 448, 5 points.

Ten Dollars in Cash will be distributed amongst the three members having the largest total of points when our membership passes the 1500 mark. One point is credited for each member introduced. (When introducing for two years, two points are credited, etc.,) — A supply of application forms may be had post-free from our nearest office.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Owing to the heavily increased cost of printing and paper, we have reluctantly been forced to increase our subscription rate to 0.75 dollar, fl. 2.—, 4 shillings, 1.50 yen, per year. All new subscriptions and renewals are to be paid at this rate. Will members, having in their possession application forms with the old rate, kindly alter to the above.

Tengevolge van de aanzienlijk vermeerderde kosten van papier en drukwerk, zijn wij verplicht de contributie te stellen op 0.75 dollar, fl. 2.—, 4 shillings, 1.50 yen, per jaar. Alle nieuwe abonnementen en verlengingen moeten tegen die prijzen worden betaald Leden, die nog in het bezit zijn van oude inteekenbiljetten, worden verzocht de daarin genoemde prijzen dienovereenkomstig te wijzigen.

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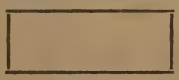

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With this issue is being mailed to all members in good standing, the complete revised membership of The Gem Postcard & Stamp Exchange. Over 100 new members have been added to our ranks since our last issue and enquiries are pouring in daily from all corners of the world. Collectors are not slow to recognize the advantages of the exchange and are enrolling in large number.

We promise to have 200 additional members with our next issue.

Help us keep our word.

Several members in different countries have written requesting us for an appointment as official representative for their country. To these, as well as to our members as a whole, we beg to state that our policy with regard to appointments of this nature, is to award them when we feel that a certain member, by reason of his efforts on behalf of the Exchange, is deserving of recognition.

Members are not obliged to reply to cards or letters from those not mentioning their **Gem** number. Many outsiders obtain sample copies of the **News** and make use of the addresses contained therein. These are too narrow-minded to join and share the burden of expense in running the Exchange. We, therefore, advise our members, both old and new, to always mention their Gem number when writing and avoid inconvenience.

TRAVEL POSTCARD CIRCLE.

The following members agree to re-mail all travel cards received by them to foreign countries:

220, 281, 290, 300, 305, 306; 336, 337, 417, 425, 426, 454; 455, 461, 472, 481, 485, 510; 516; 540, 594, 610, 614; 661; 688, 703, 743.

Members, not listed above, who wish to be enrolled in this circle, are requested to send in their names, preferably on a view card (stamped on view side) to the President or Vice-President.

A FAVOUR REQUESTED.

With this issue, we are mailing to each member a copy of our new application form. We want every member to have one of his friends fill this form in and return to our nearest office. This is not much effort on your part and means 500 new members for the Exchange. Don't waste the form, please.

A LOCAL POSTCARD CLUB.

(By P. Vredenduin Jr., Gem 753).

As a new member of the "Gem", I herewith take the liberty to write you the following lines:

I have been exchanging view cards for about 12 years with increasing success. I possess various collections, e.g. a war collection from August 1914 to 11th November 1918, a "Peace Album" from 11th November 1918 to the presentday, a countries' collection, consisting of over 380 different countries or stamp territories, further albums with cards of various islands, provinces, departments, states, etc. All my cards are stamped on view side. From August 1914 up to now (being the most interesting period of my collector's life) I forwarded no less than 3500 cards and letters, 1000 being sent by registered mail. Without the aid of capable colleagues I should never have been in a position to get such an enormous collection of views. If one desires to succeed and obtain a really nice and interesting collection within a reasonable period of time, co-operation between the members of a club is imperative. To further this object a View Card Club, named "Amsterdam", was formed in this City last year, also with the aid of our Vice President, Mr. Zahn. This Club has regular meetings once a month, on which occasions, the members help each other as much as possible either by giving useful hints or by exchanging interesting cards and by making the exchanging of cards more reliable. From time to time nice cards are distributed amongst the members by means of a lottery. In the future exhibitions will be held.

In my opinion, similar Clubs should be formed in all cities where there are sufficient collectors, as it is an effective means to further collecting.

All our Amsterdam Gem members are herewith cordially invited to visit our next meeting. Be assured that it is only in your own interest. Do not wait and see but do it now! Further particulars will be gladly given by Mr. Zahn or the writer.

FREE SERVICE.

The following will translate letters free of charge for any member of the exchange:

W. G. R. Zahn, Gem 220, English, French, Dutch, German, Spanish.

H. J. Spicer, Gem 337, English, French.

W. A. Miller, Gem 632, English, French.

An expert on stamps, J. van Doesburgh, Gem 354, offers to test any stamps for members, making no charge for this service.

D. Raymond, Gem 731, a member of various Numismatic Societies, will classify any coins of any period or nation for members.

Those availing themselves of these kind offers are requested to enclose a Reply-Coupon when writing to defray cost of postage.

THE PACKETS.

Our fourth branch has been opened under the supervision of Mr. Spicer and will circulate **Packets** in Australia and New Zealand. Stamp collecting members wishing to be put on the circuit list should write Mr. Spicer giving two business references. Members in any part of the world desiring to dispose of the surplus duplicates should send their selections to the following addresses. Read rules in **The Gem News** No. 6 before mailing:

America: J. Friedman, 54 Chateaubriand Ave., Montreal, Canada.

Europe: J. van Doesburgh, Jac. Verhoeflaan 10, Bussum, Holland.

Gt. Britain: H. W. Henbest, 17 Dickens Terrace, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent, England.

Australia: H. J. Spicer, 44 Denmark St., Kew, Melbourne, Victoria.

Dealer-members will find these Departments very useful. Collectors who are not now on the circuit lists should write to the Secretary of their section.

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Stamps and Cards, stamped on view side, exchanged with members in all coutries. Medium stamps, quantity or basis Yvert 1920. Wm. Friedman, Gem 202.

Exchange Desired, Gem 336 wishes immediate exchange 100—500 old or new issues of all countries. Basis Scott. Harry F. Rankin, Letter Carrier No. 88, Seattle, Wash.,U.S.A.

Correspondence desired with collectors having stamps of West Indies for exchange. Offer Australians and Pacific Isles in return. A. M. E. van Reyn Snoeck, Gem 587.

G. Kroese, Gem 588, wishes to exchange cards, magazines and newspapers. Correspondence in English and French desired. Prompt replies guaranteed.

Would like to exchange postcards, correspondence and curios of all kinds. J. A. Pillinger, Gem 589.

Sends beautiful cards of Venice for stamps of several countries for my collection Exchange cards stamped of different values. Savino di Marzo, Gem 590.

Miss M. May,Gem 591, wishes to exchange postcards and stamps with members all over the world. Prompt reply assured.

Will exchange postcards throughout all countries with the stamps on view side preferred. Thos. P. Sefco, Gem 592.

Exchange of botanical specimens, choice postcards and used stamps desired. Would learn to correspond French, Spanish. J. O. Stancliff, Gem 594.

Will exchange sets of Australian Commonwealth postage stamps 0.5 d. to 2 shillings Kangaroo issue for sets of same face value (as near as possible) of any country (1 shilling and under Br. Isles excepted) or will exchange single copies. Also have 0.5, 1, 1.5 (light and dark) 4, 5d Kind George Australia. Can make up sets of Queensland and have a few stamps from Australian states and Br. Colonies. L. G. Goode, Gem 598.

D. A. Rapier, Gem 601, wishes to exchange stamps, cards and newspapers with other members and to correspond in English, French and Spanish.

Exchanges cards, artistic and types preferred; stamps with advanced collectors, basis Gibbons, Yvert; magazines of philatelic societies and art pictures. R. D. Bilimoria, Gem 604.

Desire to exchange cards with views, national types and magazines, also correspondence in Dutch and English. Prompt reply guaranteed. Corry Storm, Gem 617.

Holland. Gem 624, F. Th. Valk, exchanges cards and corresponds, newspapers and magazines, guaranties prompt replies. Does not send first.

I exchange stamps and cards stamped on view side. B. Jusserand, Gem 626.

Would like to exchange postage stamps with persons outside N. Z. or Australia. Exchange value for value. Bright's Catalogue. I have for exchange N.Z. or Australian stamps. A. H. Voyce, Gem 600.

Everybody welcome to write, sure and prompt replies. Desire artistic cards of all kinds, beauties, actresses, paintings, sculpture, scenery. Stamps also exchanged. M. Asada, Gem 603.

N.B. We are unable to publish all members' ads in this number, but these will be continued in our future issues.

I. Oziembto Varsovie

(POLAND).

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THE ROMANCE OF LONDON.

(By S. Morrison, Gem No. 426)

Saint Paul's Cathedral.

In the heart of the "City" and on the original site of London, or Londinium, as founded by the Romans, stands the great Cathedral of St. Paul — the third largest Christian church in the world (the other two being Saint Peter's at Rome, and the Milan Cathedral, in Italy).

The original edifice was completely destroyed in the Great Fire of London in the year 1666, and to the renowned English architect, Sir Christopher When, fell the task of building a worthy successor to the destroyed Cathedral.

During excavations among the ruins of the burnt edifice, the architect chanced to come upon a smoke-begrimed stone bearing the inscription "I shall rise again".

Perceiving the curious appropriateness of the words, Sir Cristopher made this the foundation stone of the new Cathedral.

The time occupied in the building of the mighty edifice was 33 years, and the cost over one million pounds Sterling.

It seems ironical to recall the fact that the architect himself was so poorly paid that he had to be carried up to the top in a basket twice a week, in order to superintend the work!

Nevertheless, after a third of a century's work, St. Paul's Cathedral raised this time a mighty dome over London.

The building itself is formed in the shape of a Maltese cross, with the massive dome majestically surmounting the centre; on the summit of which a huge golden cross stands out against the sky at the height of nearly four hundred feet.

During late years considerable anxiety for the safety of the Cathedral has been felt, owing to the discovery that the foundations were slowly sinking. This was thought to be due to drainage and consequent weaking of the subsoil — and also to the near approach of the underground railways having, by tunneling, weakened the foundations.

Lately, however, great efforts have been made to arrest this sinking, and immense quantities of strong cement have been sunk around the foundations. Opinion however, is still divided as to the safety of the Cathedral.

Nevertheless, Saint Paul's is still the central object and unrivalled glory of London.

THE AZORES. (Concluded).

(By H. W. Henbest. Gem No. 297)

In 1892 the archipelago was divided postally into three groups, by name, Ponta Delgada, Angra and Horta, a separate set of stamps

being issued for each. As will be noticed each group bears the name of its own principal town. With the exception of the name plate added at the foot, the stamps were identical in design, being similar to the 1892 issue of Portugal, bearing the effigy of King Carlos I.

In 1897 a new issue was prepared, also bearing the effigy of King Carlos I. These are similar to the regular Portuguese Colonial issues of that time, the name of the origin being indicated within a tablet at the foot of each stamp, whilst the value is inserted in the top left hand corner. Otherwise the stamps are quite identical in design for each group.

The above issues, two for each and six in all, are still quite easily obtained at a normal cost, and should afford little difficulty to a collector interested in these islands. The price is almost the same for either used or unused specimens.

In September 1906 the posts of Azores were once again united and the stamps of Ponta Delgada, Angra and Horta superseded by a general issue for the whole of the archipelago.

Meantime in 1898 a general commemorative issue had appeared, of beautiful design, issued upon the anniversary of Vasco da Gama's wonderful voyage of discovery to Africa, and the rounding of the Cape of Good Hope. The stamps are eight in number and are similar to the Portuguese issue of the same date, only having "Açores" added in place of Portugal.

In 1906 a general issue superseded the former three issues. The stamps are exactly the same in design, as those of 1897, but having Açores in the tablet at the foot, with the letters A. H. PD. in the three remaining corners, denoting the three groups amalgamated into the one given at the foot of stamp.

The reign of King Carlos was tragically brought to a close by his assassination in February 1908. He was succeeded by King Manuel, whose head appears upon a new set of stamps issued in 1910.

Trouble had long been brewing in Portugal, and in August 1910 it reached its climax, when the Monarchy was overthrown and replaced by a Republic, with Dr. Manoel Arriaga as its first President. This necessitated that all stamps should be overprinted, showing the change in the regime. These included the recently issued King Manoel stamps which were overprinted obliquely "Republica".

In the following year the Vasco da Gama commemorative issue was also overprinted, and a new value of 1.000 reis constituted by the further overprinting of the 1.000 reis value.

This constitutes all the stamps that were actually issued for use in the Azores, the remainder being Portuguese stamps overprinted for use in the archipelago.

In 1912 the Azores once again resorted to its former procedure, and has since used the current stamps of Portugal, overprinted horizontally „Açores".

ZUM JAHRESTAG DER SCHLACHT BEI SEMPACH.

12. Juli 1920.

Bei Sempach war's, der groszen Schlacht der Schweizer,
Wo Kraft und Mut die Uebermacht bezwang,
Und wo dem Hirtenvolke der Waldstätte,
Der Freiheit Sieg so wundervoll gelang.
Mit Wehmut schau'n zurück wir auf die Zeiten,
Wo noch die Eintracht selbstverständlich war,
Und noch das Volk, ein Herz und eine Seele,
Zusammenstand in Tagen der Gefahr.

Da kam der Schrecken über uns're Erde,
Als ob auf sie gestoszen ein Komet,
Und glücklich wahrte noch im groszen Kriege,
Das Heer der Schweizer die Neutralität.
Doch nach dem Kriege zog anstatt dem Frieden
Durch unsre Welt die Barbarei,
Und wieder macht der Bauernstand des Landes
Die Schweiz von diesem Fremdenjoche frei.

Ja, täglich noch Gefahren uns umringen,
Und ändern tut der Feind den Namen nur,
Und nur die Bürger und die Bauern retten
Vom Untergang noch uns're Heimatflur.
Drum laszt uns an dem Tag der Schlacht bei Sempach
Der Eintracht Schwur erneu'n mit Herz und Hand.
Und uns're Arbeit sei das Werk des Friedens
Zu Schutz und Trutz fürs Vaterland!

Fluck, Sempach, 20. Juni 1920.

Jean Bättig.
(Gem. 876).

In aansluiting op hetgeen de heer Vredenduin, Gem 753, in het vorige News heeft geschreven met betrekking tot de in October 1919 opgerichte club „Amsterdam", zou ik onze alhier wonende leden, die zich voor prentbriefkaarten interesseeren, nog eens willen uitnoodigen een der eerstvolgende bijeenkomsten te bezoeken, hetgeen tot niets verplicht. Weliswaar gaven reeds eenige leden aan den oproep van genoemden heer gevolg, doch wij zouden er gaarne nog meer zien. Ik geloof, dat de meeste leden het nut er niet van hebben ingezien. Wegens plaatsgebrek kan ik tot mijn leedwezen thans niet in bijzonderheden treden, doch ik roep allen toe: „Komt, ziet en overtuigt u!"

Op de in September l.l. te Rotterdam gehouden postzegel-tentoonstelling, kwam de heer Vredenduin o.m. uit met eenige fraaie collecties prentbriefkaarten. Het is algemeen bekend, dat de meeste philatelisten voor prentbriefkaarten den neus optrekken. De heer V. heeft echter bewezen ,dat ook een carto-philatelistische verzameling de moeite waard is om te zien en verwierf dan ook een zilveren medaille met zijn inzending. Zoover mij bekend, is dit de eerste maal, dat een collectie prentbriefkaarten in Nederland wordt bekroond. Ik geloof de tolk van alle Gem leden te zijn, indien wij den heer Vredenduin met zijn behaald succes van harte gelukwenschen.

W. G. R. Zahn.

AUSTRALIAN DEPARTMENT.

Representative: H. J. Spicer,
44 Denmark St., Kew, Melbourne,
Victoria.

Members are still rolling in and this country has shown what can be done by hard work. Australia has set a fine example to the rest of the world and may justly feel proud of her record. It will be gratifying to our "Aussies" to see that two out of the three places in our Cash Prize Competition are held by Australians.

As announced in our last issue the "Packets" have been extended here and members are invited to send in their selections. Stamps should be priced in pounds, shillings and pence. Prompt returns will be made.

HONOUR ROLL.

H. J. Spicer,	Gem 337	life (66 points)	
J. van Doesburg	Gem 354	2	yrs
H. S. R. Block	„ 260	2	„
R. de Ries	„ 474	1	„

A. B. Ringer	„	454	1	yrs
Miss C. Wooning	„	448	1	„
J. W. Th. Beek Jr.	„	703	1	„
A. Tinney	„	235	1	„
A. Perlet	„	496	1	„
J. A. Neeter	„	210	1	„
L. Looy	„	597	1	„
R. Oosterhout	„	683	1	„
W. A. Miller	„	632	1	„
P. Adles	„	671	1	„

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OUR CASH PRIZE COMPETITION.

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A large number of the forms enclosed with our last issue have already been returned and we take this opportunity of thanking those members who have given us their welcome support. Those who still have the form in their possession should turn up page 5 of our last issue and read our request.

Mr. J. van de Graaf, Gem 932, of "Huize Vondel", Amsterdam, well-known stamp importers, desires to warn stamp collectors of the following swindlers with whom he has had dealings:

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Members, not listed above, who wish to be enrolled in this circle, are requested, to send in their names, preferably on a view card (stamped on view side) to the President or Vice-President.

ROTTERDAM FOLLOWS EXAMPLE.

In our last issue Mr. P. Vredenduin Jr., Gem 753, outlined his views of a local postcard club for Amsterdam. Under date of July 11th Mr. J. Zonnenberg, Gem 866, writes that he is desirous of forming a similar club in Rotterdam for the mutual benefit of collectors of stamps and postcards and invites all Gem members in Rotterdam and vicinity to communicate with him at Crooswyksche Singel 9 b, Rotterdam.

AMERICAN SALES DEPT.

This Dept. is continuing with great success. Sales from our last circuit exceeded 70 %. Members in any part of the world are invited to send their selections to our President, viz. J. Friedman, 54 Chateaubriand Ave., Montreal, Canada. Stamps should be priced net in Dollars and Cents, and remittance will be made on that basis.

Every member who receives no reply to cards or letters after waiting a reasonable time, is expected to report same to our nearest Office. All complaints are registered and when three complaints are received against any member, his name will be published in our Black List (See rule 7). We are glad to say, however, that up to now there is not a single member with three complaints against him.

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pers, magazines, artistic photographs, personal and Kodak views and bookplates. Does not send first. Correspondence in English desired. Prompt replies guaranteed.Gem 684.

Owing to illness I have lost track of my recent correspondence. All those who have not received any reply to stamps sent me, kindly write giving full particulars and I will remit cash or equal value in stamps. G. A. Thompson, c.o. B. Jones, 2255 - 7th Ave., New York, U.S.A. (formerly of Antigua) Gem 295.

Miss Bradshaw, Gem 605, having disposed of her stamp collection, cannot exchange further. Will exchange postcards, stamped view side.

Czecho Slovakia. All members are requested to exchange good stamps and postcards s. v. s. with me. Prompt replies. Correspondence English, French, German. Gem 631.

Miss H. C. Willemsen, Gem 211, now living Ouderkerkerlaan at Amstelveen, near Amsterdam solicits exchange of view cards with all Gem members.

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Coloured Local town-views (only full size views without border) with small value stamps view side, 2—5 cards a time only. Chas. Boehm, Gem 655.

Clara Gohdes, Gem 656, would like to correspond with any stamp collector in Nfld. or India.

Wanted correspondence with readers outside Australia with a view to exchanging stamps and postcards especially Canada, Papua, N. Z., Pac. Is. Gem 658.

Canada. Medium collector wishes to exchange stamps with foreign members. Gem 660.

I Wish to exchange stamps and especially correspondence in English only. Gem 662.

Coloured Views stamped view side exchanged with members anywhere. Gem 662.

Send Me complete sets of stamps of your country and I return with the same of Czecho-Slovakia or with stamps in quantity in registered letter. Gem 664.

I Wish especially correspondence in French and German as well as cards. Miss J. Polak, Gem 666.

Australian views exchanged for any others. Prompt reply. Gem 667.

Contre Timbres tous pays donne timbres Italie, colonies, guerre, croix-rouge, échange aussi belles cartes vue t.c.v. affranchies valeurs divers. Gem 668.

Correspondence desired with any part of the world, prompt reply. Gem 669.

Join A German club "Globus". International Exchange club, Westerfilde Kr. Dortmund. Entrance fee 25 c. Yearly subscription doll. 1.00.

Desire to exchange stamps by quantity with medium collectors throughout the Globe. P. Adles, Gem 671.

Wanted old and new issues in any quantity used or unused. Correspondence invited. Gem 673.

Germany. Gem 674 wishes to exchange cards letters in English or German with members in all countries.

I Desire correspondence with young ladies and stamp exchange. I sell very cheap stamps and fiscals. Othman Beer. Gem 676.

Gem 678 would like to exchange postcards with members of other countries, particularly English and French.

I Invite exchange of photo postcards, scenic, native, principally native races in exchange for N. Z. views. Exchange not to exceed half-dozen. Gem 679.

Wanted correspondents in any part of the English speaking globe, more especially America, England and Scotland, also to exchange postcards. Gem 680.

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